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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to you today to express my support of the Microsoft antitrust settlement. Three years have now passed since the inception of this case against Microsoft. During this time much money has been wasted over this issue. Considering the recent budgetary deficits, the exorbitant amount of money spent over this antitrust issue is increasingly perplexing. To add to this fact that our nation is currently in a wartime period, any continued waste of funds would be ridiculous. The Justice Department must enact the terms of the settlement at the end of January.

Further, if anyone was to believe that the terms of the settlement were not harsh against Microsoft, they are very wrong. Microsoft will now have to disclose the protocols and internal interfaces of the Windows system. In addition to this, Microsoft has agreed to the formation of a third party technical review board. This board serves the purpose of ensuring that Microsoft complies with the terms of the agreement. Thus, anyone that would worry whether or not Microsoft would enact the terms of the agreement should be reassured.

Finally, I believe that the Justice Department should enact the settlement quickly. No more funds should be wasted.

Sincerely,

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